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SIEGE OF CHITRAL.
FREQUENT FIGHTING AND HEAVY LOSS.

DR. ROBERTSON AND CAPTAIN CAMPBELL WOUNDED.

TELEGRAM FROM THE QUEEN.

SIMLA, April 26.—It is rumoured that Umra Khan had been imprisoned by an Afghan officer at Dangamur. The same report is current at Lahore, but up to the present it has not been confirmed.—REUTER.

SIMLA, April 25, 9.30 A.M.—Dr. Robertson has communicated to the Government an account of the principal events of the siege of Chitral by the forces of Umra Khan and Sher Afzul. On March 3 a reconnaissance in force was made by the garrison on their Afzul's position. Capt. Baird, of the 24th Bengal Infantry, was killed in the fighting, and the wounded included Capt. Campbell, of the Central Horse, and Gen. Haji Singh and Maj. Bikram Singh, of the Imperial service troops. Twenty-one sepoys of the 4th Kashmir Infantry were killed and 23 wounded. The siege began on March 4. The enemy tried to set fire to the water tower on the 8th, and on the 14th made an attack on the east side of the fort, which failed. On April 5 the tribesmen occupied a summer-house 50 yards from the tower, and the following day advanced a sanger to within 40 yards of the main gate. On the 7th they attacked and set fire to the gun-tower, but the flames were extinguished. The British agent was wounded, and several men were killed or wounded by the enemy. Next day another attempt was made to fire the gun-tower, and on the 11th the enemy attacked the fort on all sides but were repulsed. On the 17th the garrison made a sortie, re-captured the summer-house, and blew up the enemy's mine. The British loss in this engagement was eight men killed and 13 wounded. The enemy lost 60 men, including 35 who were bayoneted. Sher Afzul raised the siege of Chitral on the 19th inst., retiring to Dosh with a large force. The garrison suffered terribly owing to bad food, but the conduct and discipline of the troops were beyond all praise. Another hardship which was much felt by the wounded was the exhaustion of the medical stores. Capt. Campbell is doing well, and Capt. Townsend, Lieut. Gordon, Lieut. Harley, and Surgeon-capt. Whitechurch are all in good health. The heavy loss of the garrison was due to the wonderful shooting of the enemy from the sangers which surrounded the fort on all sides. Chitral is deserted, all the inhabitants having fled during the siege. All the provisions and stores in the town were seized by the enemy.—REUTER.

COL. KELLY AT CHITRAL.

SIMLA, April 25, 8 A.M.—Dr. Robertson reports to the Government from Chitral that Col. Kelly arrived there at midday on the 20th inst. In narrating the experiences of the garrison during the siege, Dr. Robertson states that the position of the fort was not regarded as hopeless until March 3, but after that day all the Chitralis outside the fort were compelled to join Sher Afzul. Moreover, the beleaguered garrison believed that Sher Afzul was supported by the Amee, that Umra Khan and Ghulam Hyder Khan, the Afghan commander-in-chief, and the Moahmands had joined in a religious war against the British, and that the position of the latter was desperate. With regard to the political situation, Dr. Robertson explains that Amir-ul-Mulk was only temporarily recognised as Mehtar on Feb. 14, and that he virtually resigned the Mehtaship on March 2. At the same time, says Dr. Robertson, Amir-ul-Mulk made overtures to Umra Khan promising to induce us to retire toward Mastuj, and to attack us on the road at Baitari, this side of Kuri. Amir-ul-Mulk has been in custody since. He is wanting in intellect, and has been merely the tool of others. Dr. Robertson declares that he was careful not to pledge the Government in any way, all his actions being provisional. His last orders from the Government were received on Feb. 19. The Chitralis, he says, evidently feared that the British intended to march across the country.—REUTER.

CHINO-JAPANESE PEACE.

Died in the fort the next morning. It is a pathetic circumstance, that before he died he begged Dr. Robertson to bring Surgeon-capt. Whitechurch's bravery to the notice of the proper authorities. Dr. Robertson is making a rapid recovery, and remains in political charge of Chitral for the present. Gen. Low and the Headquarter Staff have arrived at Dir. Gen. Gatacre, with his column, in advancing leisurely over the Loweri Pass, making a road through the snow as he proceeds.

BRITAIN AND NICARAGUA.

CORINTO OCCUPIED.

New York, April 26.—The following telegram has been received from Managua:—

The Nicaraguan Government have received assurances of voluntary subscriptions from various parts of the country, more than enough to pay the indemnity, within the time allowed by the British ultimatum.

There is, however, a strong feeling against acceding to prompty to Great Britain's demands.

The money required was offered by Leon City, but the Government were deterred from accepting it by the feeling that should they seem too ready to obey Great Britain serious internal trouble might ensue. Great

extreme prevails at Managua, where 2,000

are in readiness to march on Corinto.

Telegram from Corinto says:—Orders have been received here from the Nicaraguan Government to show all courtesy to the British, but under no circumstances to allow the landing of an armed force. Over 1,400 men are under arms here. The local merchants here have offered to subscribe £12,000 to help

PAY THE BRITISH CLAIM.

but the Government have not yet replied.

A dispatch from Corinto states that Senor Duarte, the Nicaraguan Commissioner, has arrived from Managua, bearing the Government's reply to the British ultimatum.

The reply which is reported to be of such a nature will not be delivered until the eleventh hour.

The Cabinet is in permanent session, being

assisted in its deliberations by other leading statesmen.

The local authorities at Corinto are preparing to leave the town, and whole families are taking their departure.

Admiral Stephen is reported to have informed Senor Duarte that the ultimatum

expires at midnight on the 26th.—REUTER.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—It is fully believed that British troops were landed at Corinto this morning, but no definite news has yet been received. A suggestion was made from Washington at the instigation of the Nicaraguan Minister, that an arrangement, whereby the money might be paid in London instead of at Corinto, and a slight extension of time, would probably end the difficulty so far as Nicaragua was concerned. The British Government, however, has deemed it necessary to enforce their demand in accordance with the terms of the ultimatum delivered. The attitude of Nicaragua had not been such as to entitle her Government to any concessions, and Admiral Stephenson would be directed to carry out the instructions already given him.—CENTRAL NEWS.

RUSSIAN SENTIMENT.

SHANGHAI, April 26.—According to a tele-

gram received here yesterday, the aspect of affairs in Pekin is critical. It is stated that some of the Chinese generals are in favour of continuing the war, and that the Board of Censors objects to Li Hung Chang and the other officials who negotiated the treaty of Shimoneski leaving the question of ratifying the treaty to be decided by the Emperor alone. The dispatch adds that if the treaty is ratified, which is still uncertain, it is feared that there will be trouble in the army.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 26.—The "Novo Vremya" states that a report is current here that the negotiations with Japan relative to the conditions of peace between that country and China have taken a favourable turn. It is added that the matter will be finally settled within the next few days.—REUTER.

CONSIDERING THE TREATY AT PEKIN.

Mr. Foster and the secretary of Li Hung Chang have arrived at Pekin, and according to the "Times" correspondent the treaty is now before the Emperor and Ministers.

The Foreign Office on Thursday consulted the Legations. Many censors' memorials have been sent in opposing the treaty. Prince Kung has obtained seven days more sick leave. The other officials hesitate to recommend the ratification of the treaty. Li Hung Chang will probably go to Chefoo to exchange the treaty if it is ratified.

TERrible TRAGEDY.

NEW YORK, April 27.—A terrible tragedy

occurred at Cocheton, in New York State, yes-

terday. A ledge of rock upon which two young men and three girls were standing gave way, and four of them were dashed down the face of the cliff 300 feet below, all being killed. The remaining one of the party, a young girl, clung to the side of the cliff for half an hour, when she was rescued with much difficulty.—CENTRAL NEWS.

TRAGEDY IN BERMONDSEY.

YOUNG WOMAN MURDERED.

A lodger named James Canning, 34, living

at 41, Delaford-road, South Bermondsey,

carried off with his sweetheart, Jane Youree,

21, a young Welshwoman, daughter of his landlady, and cut her throat about 11 p.m. on Friday. Death was instantaneous, the head of the girl being almost severed from the body. The man was arrested in Southwark Park-rose after midnight. Canning was brought before the magistrate at Southwark on Saturday. The name he was charged under is Joseph Canning. He is a thick-set young man, with light fair moustache and ruddy complexion, and parts his dark, curly hair in the centre. A young woman, named May Youree, a pleasant-looking, fair-haired young woman, with light blue eyes, came into the witness-box. She said that the murdered woman was her cousin. At half-past 11 on Friday Canning came and called upstairs for Jane Youree to go downstairs to him. She went, and a minute afterwards they heard screams from the kitchen below. She and her aunt went down and saw cousin Jane walking from the kitchen to the wash-house. Her throat was cut and bleeding profusely. Before the witness could reach Jane, she fell in a heap on the scullery floor and died.—Remanded.

WILDE ON TRIAL. EVIDENCE OF PARKER.

ADMISSION OF BLACKMAILING.

At the Old Bailey on Friday, before Mr. Justice Charles, Oscar Wilde and Alfred Taylor were indicted, the former for committing acts of gross indecency, and the latter for procuring the commission of such acts. There were other counts, embracing charges of conspiracy. Mr. C. F. Gill, Mr. Horace Avory, and Mr. A. C. Gill were for the Crown; Sir E. Clarke, Mr. C. Mathews, and Mr. Humphreys were for Wilde; Mr. J. P. Grain and Mr. P. Taylor defended Taylor; and Mr. Kershaw held a watching brief on behalf of the witness, Mavor.

Before prisoners pleaded, Sir E. Clarke submitted they could not be called upon to plead to an indictment which contained charges under the Criminal Law Amendment Act and also charges of conspiracy. There were 25 counts, and in respect of those under the Criminal Law Amendment Act the prisoners were competent witnesses, while in respect of the charges of conspiracy they were not competent witnesses. Under those circumstances the witness contended they could not be put to answer an indictment containing both sets of charges, because if they were called as witnesses they would have to give evidence which would to some extent be evidence upon charges in respect of which they were not competent witnesses. Just as a felon and a misdeemeanour could not be joined in an indictment, because different modes of trial applied to each.

WILDE'S EVIDENCE.

The sitting-room and the bed-room opened one into the other. Wilde did not lock the sitting-room door, but he locked that of the bed-room. He did not see any servants about when he left the hotel. He did not know Wilde even by sight until he was introduced to him at the restaurant, and other persons see you at your room in Park-walk? Taylor used to come there.—Did Wood come? Taylor used to come there.—Did Wood come? No.

Did you hear that Wood got £20 or £30

from Mr. Wilde for some letters? I did not hear that he got the money. He knew Allen.

He did not know that Wood had stolen the letters. There was no concealment about his going along with Wilde. By Mr. Green: He

was quite sure that £30 was the sum

that he had ever received under similar circumstances. The letters referred to belonged to Lord A. Douglas, to whom he was introduced by Taylor.

Taylor's evidence.

William Parker, brother of Charles Parker, was next called, and, in answer to Mr. Gill's questions, said he was a groom. He bore out his brother's evidence with reference to the meeting of Taylor in the St. James's Restaurant, and the subsequent dinner with Wilde. In addition, the witness spoke as to what took place at Little College-street on a certain night. He went twice to Little College-street and shortly afterwards went into the country, where he obtained employment, and he had nothing more to do with Taylor or Wilde.—Sir Edward Clarke: What employment did you go into?

What employment did you go into?

WILDE'S EVIDENCE.

On the motion to go into Committee of Supply, Sir A. Rollit moved that the exemption of Government property from rating is wrong in principle, and unjust in its operation to the local authorities and to the general body of ratepayers, and ought to be terminated by legislation placing such property on an equal basis with other property.

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THE CONVICT SHIP.

BY W. CLARK RUSSELL.

CHAPTER XXXIII.

THE BEHAVIOUR OF THE CONVICTS.

On their going out, Tom shut the door and locked it, then catching me in his arms, called me by twenty caressing words, and kissed and blessed me for my love and devotion. I cried and lost my self-control, and some time elapsed before we were composed enough to talk. He then spoke of the Arab Chief, and told me again how the conspiracy against him had been contrived. His face blackened, and he turned motionless with wrath when he mentioned Rotch and the other. I see him now after he had said, "Marian, I swear by and before the great and just and merciful God of heaven that I am as guiltless of the crime for which I am here as you, and that Rotch and Nodder—"

"Then he stopped; he stood without a stir, his face blackened, and his eyes became enlarged and fixed; nothing moved his lips, which convulsively opened and shut. His expression was one of horror and dreadful rage.

I was terrified, and threw my arms round his neck and kissed him. He fished two or three deep sighs, and picked his convict cap out of the upper bunk and fanned himself with it. He then quickly rallied, but turned as deadly pale as his looks had before been black and terrible, and held me by the hand a minute, watching me with a smile of heart-moving sadness. "But God will not suffer it—but God will not suffer it," he muttered brokenly, and a minute later in a collected voice he talked to me of his sufferings in the London gaols, of what he had endured on board the hull and in the dockyard.

I strove to bring him away from these maddening memories by speaking of myself, but I presently saw it did him good to let loose his thoughts.

Meanwhile a second mob of convicts, attracted by the noise below, had come down into the steerage and were swarming over the decks were roaring out. I heard a frequent splintering of wood as though drawers and doors and lockers were being forced and smashed. The ruffians' object, unless it were diabolical wantonness, I could not imagine; the cabins here were few; one was full of some kind of stores, then there was the pantry; the other berths were empty. Maybe the villains beat and splintered the woodwork and did what injury they could with the tools they handled out of rage and spite at being balked in their hunt for booty.

"Do they mean to wreck the ship?" said I. "Are they men or beasts? Listen to them!"

"They're beasts. Don't I know? But why do they shout and roar? After the long discipline of silence I could not myself. It has made a devil of me."

"What you are I am," said I.

He shook his head passionately, and said: "My business will be to get out of this ship with you quickly. They trust me, and their trust will be my opportunity. How long should I keep you in this ship of demons? There's Bates and there's young Johnstone; I have a scheme—the three of us are sailors."

"Are the convicts without any chiefs, without any head they are willing to own? If there's no discipline, what must happen? They'll get at the liquor; they'll eat and waste the provisions; they'll knock the ship to pieces and sink her. Is that the witches' idea of liberty?"

"There are heads; Abram's one. There are others I needn't name. I'm supposed to be one as taking charge of the ship. They'll fall into some sort of order by and by. Many of them are not wholly beasts, and they'll understand for their lives' sake what's wanted and what must be done. Marian, I had no hand in this business. They asked me if I'd navigate the ship if the prisoners seized her. I said yes, and that that would be my share of the outbreak. I'd do no more. I'd have no man's blood upon my hands. If they could seize the ship good and well; I'd navigate her to any agreed part of the world. Understand me, Marian, I am accountable for no life that has been lost to-day. . . . What is that lunder?"

I explained.

"The clothes may prove useful," he said. He pointed to the convict's mattress on deck, and said: "Had that been your bed?"

"Yes, dear."

He tossed his hands and looked at me with a face of sorrow and love, then put the parcel into my bunk and the mattress on top of it.

"They'll give me the captain's cabin," said he, "and you must be near me. I couldn't rest to think of you sleeping down here. The men'll be filling these cabins—they'll sleep in bowlines over the side; some than occupy the prisoners' quarters, though many of them'll have to live down there all the same. Come with me on deck. I must see what's doing."

"Be careful how you address me. Tom, I must be thought a boy while I'm in this ship."

We went out, and he locked the door after him, and gave me the key. He signified to the convicts, some of whom seemed to be dancing, others playing at leapfrog, while others again ran in and out of the pantry and cabin hallways like madmen. "Let no man enter that berth. My friend occupies it, and that's enough!" He then passed his arm through mine, and we walked to the steps of the hatch that led into the cuddy.

I never could have imagined such a scene as this interior presented. Most of the tall thin sheets of looking-glass had been shivered. The doors of the cabin lay open, and the decks were covered with the tossed and tumbled contents of rifled drawers, lockers, and boxes. The convicts had found good booty in these cabins; there had slept the captain, the two mates, the two military officers, and the surgeon superintendent, and one or two spare berths aft had been filled with certain valuable consignments to Sydney, to which port the ship was to have proceeded after discharging her cargo of criminals at Hobart Town.

The place was crowded with the felons. They took two and three deep at the table, which, as you will remember, I and my associate had prepared for breakfast. One of the aftermost berths had been used as a cabin ladder; here the prisoners had

found plenty to eat and drink. The table was strewn with tins of meat, pots of preserves, bottles of beer, biscuits, bones of ham, and so forth. The fellows bawled to one another to pass this and that; to hand the ale along; to sing that bottle of sherry across. They knocked the heads off the bottles, and after emptying them threw them on the deck.

The drink had mounted into the heads of many, and the din of their shouts, songs, and laughter, filthy language, and hideous railing would drown the noise of a thunder-storm. Here and there lay portions of convicts' clothes torn into shreds. Many of the felons were dressed in plundered apparel. A man at the foot of the table wore the doctor's naval coat; others, clothes which had belonged to Lieutenant Chinaman and Captain Barrett. A few had attired themselves in the uniforms of those officers, one in a tunic, another in the trousers, a third in a military cloak. One fellow who ran past us had the subaltern's sword strapped to his hip.

"Which was the captain's cabin?" said Tom.

We looked into it; it had been sacked like the rest, the lockers open and the contents looted; the lid of a large sea chest was smashed as though by a chopped; but they had left the nautical instruments alone, perhaps guessing their importance. The chronometers were safe; there were sextants in their cases on a shelf; the nautical books of reference were untouched; but the charts had been emptied out of their bags as though the convicts supposed more was to be found inside them than rolls of paper.

We stepped on to the main deck. The barricades had been beaten down, and the decks were covered with chips and fragments of timber. I now understood what had occasioned the pounding noise I had heard. A dreadful stain of blood marked the spot where the quarter-deck sentry had been felled. A couple of convicts stood with muskets and fixed bayonets at the main hatch; some food and bottles of beer were beside them, and they drank and ate and chattered in harsh syllables. The doors and barricades arrangements here had been demolished; gratings covered the hatch; the cage-like bars which descended to the lower deck, with the doorway to admit of the passage of but one man at a time, still remained. I supposed that the door in the steerage bulk-head was secured and guarded.

Thirty or forty convicts lingered about this part of the ship. They seemed the quietest portion of the vile rabble. They hung in groups or marched up and down in little gangs. Some were dressed in the clothes of the soldiers; others again wore the jackets and coats of the seamen. It was clear that the forecastle had been stormed and plundered, though possibly the chests of the loyal portion of the crew only had been rifled.

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OUR OMNIBUS.

PIPER PAN.

The first of Mr. Schubert's Wagner concert has been "the great musical event of the week just ended." Besides the immense attraction which the works for the public, Bayreuth composed possess for the public, there was the celebrated German conductor, Herr Herman Levi, to direct the orchestra, and Fraulein Ternina, prima donna of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, to sing—both artists appearing in London for the first time—so it is no wonder that the large Queen's Hall was crowded.

The most pleasant musical function of next week will undoubtedly be the reception to Mr. August Manns, which will take place at the Grafton Galleries, on Tuesday evening. Almost every musician of note in London is expected to be present; and art, science, literature, and the drama will be represented in their foremost rank. The members of the Crystal Palace orchestra have kindly promised to play during the evening, to show the respect and esteem in which they hold their veteran conductor.

A young French soprano, Madie Lafargue, has just made a highly successful début at the Académie de Musique, in Paris, where she appeared as Desdemona, in Verdi's "Otello." Lafargue's career as a student at the Conservatoire has for some time been watched with interest, a great future being anticipated for her, which seems likely to be realized before many more summers have passed over her head.

Mdlle. Clotilde Kleeberg, another young French artiste, but one who is well known and popular in London as an accomplished pianist, is meeting with much success at the pianoforte recitals which she is giving in the Salle Erard, in Paris, under the direction of Mr. Mayer.

I may remind my readers in the south-eastern suburbs that the Woolwich and Plumstead Amateur Orchestral Society will give their eighth concert on Monday evening, at the Freemason's Hall, Plumstead. This excellent body of amateurs number 70 performers, their conductor being Mr. Sidney Horton. For the concert on Monday Miss Kate Drew and Mr. Arthur Thompson have been engaged as vocalists.

The Czar of Russia has, of course, done a kindly action in granting a pension of £3,000 to the widow of Anton Rubinstein; but, considering the large fortune left by the deceased pianist, out of which Madame Rubinstein derives an income of about £1,200 a year, it seems surprising that she should receive anything further.

I am pleased to see the name of Miss Marguerite Macintyre in the list of artists announced for Mr. Percy Nottet's concert at the Queen's Hall next Saturday afternoon. The charming young Scotch soprano has not sung in London for some time, and people are eager to hear her again.

The Duchess of York has kindly promised to be present at a grand evening concert which will be given by the Royal Amateur Orchestral Society, at the Queen's Hall, on May 18. The object of the concert is to benefit the Victoria Hospital for Children, of which her royal highness is patroness.

At the evening concert at the Queen's Hall on Sunday evening, April 28, the vocalists will be Madame Amy Sherwin and Signor Franco Novaro, and several important works will be performed by the fine orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Randegger.

Mr. Joel Johnson, composer of the pretty and popular song "Good Night, Pretty Stars," has now published another dainty little song, full of the same fresh and melodious charm. The title, "Spring Meadows," of Mr. Johnson's new composition, seems particularly happy for the present season.

During a visit to the St. James's Theatre last week, I could not help being much struck—not for the first time—by the excellent music which Mr. Alexander provides for visitors to his theatre. I listened to a performance of the "Faust" overture which would have done credit to some of our best orchestral societies.

Miss Margaret Carter announces an interesting series of pianoforte recitals to commence on Saturday afternoon, May 4. Her object is to perform music specially suited to young people, and to give explanations of each piece as it is played.

The International Music Trade's Exhibition, which is to be held in the Agricultural Hall from June 13 to June 24, offers a variety of tests for competitors. There are organ, piano, violin, and voice competitions, and a contest for two brass bands. The prizes to be given away include three £100 pianos, and the value altogether of the different gifts amounts to over £1,000.

I was sorry to see such a scanty audience at the last of the Crystal Palace Saturday concerts, but taking into consideration the opening of the new recreation field in the palace grounds and the glorious weather, it was not surprising. I hope, however, that Mr. Manns will have a crowded room for his annual benefit concert.

Mr. W. H. Squire, one of our younger cellists, who has been "en evidence" lately, is engaged as chief 'cello player for the forthcoming Italian opera season at Covent Garden.

I hear that Sir Augustus Harris has just returned from Paris after arranging an engagement with a most important operatic artist, whose name cannot be mentioned now, the contract not being actually signed yet.

By a slip of the pen last week I gave the name of Handel, instead of Haydn, as composer of "The Creation," but the slip was so obvious that I trust my readers will excuse it.

BUCKLAND, JUNIOR.

The worshippers of the Wesleyan Church in the Green Lanes, Stoke Newington, were startled last Sunday morning by the appearance of a large rat amongst them during service. The animal seemed not in the least afraid, and gamboled about the pews till a dog was brought on the scene, when he paid the penalty of death. The audacity of rats is certainly very surprising. A day or two ago a friend of mine was relating to me a story of the antics of a large one in the Islington branch of the Home and Colonial Stores. He took up his stand on a board within three yards of my friend, eyed him defiantly, and actually would not move when missiles were thrown at him. When cornered he showed fight and sprang at the man who was told off to kill him. A huge iron bar, however, proved more than a match for him, and he eventually succumbed to a well-aimed blow from it.

According to a report from Paisley last week several cock fights have recently taken place near that town, which, on account of a decision in one of the Edinburgh Courts of Law lately, could not be prevented by the police. Cock-fighting when the birds are in-

cited to it by men, at the best of times is cruel, but when their combs are trimmed up and stile spurs are fastened on to their legs, becomes still more horribly barbarous and inhuman. The birds fight till one or the other is killed, or until the wounds with the spurs cause them to fall down exhausted from loss of blood. In the case of the Paisley fights, it is stated that there were in all nine encounters, lasting four hours, and witnessed by large numbers of persons from distant parts of Scotland. Several of the birds were killed, and the others fearfully torn by the spurs. Surely if prize-fighting amongst men can be checked, there ought to be no difficulty in putting a stop to cock-fighting.

My reference in last week's issue to the blind musician attended by a cat in Highbury Fields has brought me the following note from Mr. S. F. Sanders, of Highbury Park—"Having read in 'The People' your interesting article respecting the cat and the blind harmonium player, I should like to inform you that I have had this cat under observation for several weeks, and having made inquiries respecting her, find she does not belong to the player, but is his constant companion, arriving in the morning and leaving at night. There can be no doubt that the music has great charms for the cat, as passing through Highbury Fields on Sunday afternoon, after having read your note, I saw her seated in a tree about 10 feet from the ground, close to the spot where the blind man sits, evidently waiting for him to come."

At Stevens's on Tuesday some long prices were realized for natural history objects, amongst them being an egg of the great auk, which was sold for 180 guineas; an "Erythrus" egg, which fetched 36 guineas; and a specimen of the Great Auk itself which was run up to 360 guineas, but not reaching the reserve put upon it when it was bought in. The egg, I believe, was acquired to add to the interesting cases of specimens in the "Edinburgh Castle" public-house in Camden Town.

I am informed by my obliging correspondent at Broadmoor Asylum that the rat which was adopted as son and heir by a cat in that establishment recently, and to which I called attention in this column last week, is dead. The two ladies in charge of the female division, becoming alarmed at the rapid increase in size of the rat, took council, armed themselves with a couple of broomsticks, and mustered up courage enough to make a combined attack. After the fray the cat, who had acted as foster-mother, actually turned to and made a meal of the vanquished foe. Not a very handsome reward for the poor misguided rat, whose misplaced confidence brought it into the camp of so many of its enemies.

Part 18 of "The Royal Natural History," which has appeared rather later than usual this month, is of great interest, containing as it does, amongst many others, the illustrations and descriptions of such curious birds as the pheasant-tailed warbler, the umbrella bird, the bell bird, the cock of the rock, the lyre bird, the honey guide, and the toucans. The first of these is a native of Australia, and has a peculiarly formed tail, the three pairs of centre feathers being much elongated. The umbrella bird has a large crest on its head, the feathers of which fall outwards from the centre, giving it an appearance of an open umbrella, which is made more complete by the peculiar wattle under the bird's neck giving it a handle. The bell bird is remarkable for its clear bell-like note; the lyre bird for its extraordinary tail, the cock of the rock for its brilliant colour and curious performances when courting, the honey-guide for its habit of leading human beings to bees' nests, and the toucans for their immense and brightly-coloured bills. The two coloured plates represent the wheat-eater, stonechat, and whinchat in one, and the dipper and pied and yellow wagtail in the other.

Apropos of my recent notelette on "jumping beans," I have just read in "The Standard" a letter from Mr. L. Fraser, who says that "he has had a specimen of these 'nuts' in his possession for about nine months, till within a few past weeks had been keeping up its usual activity of jumping at intervals." A few days ago a pretty dark-coloured moth with striped wings and in splendid condition ate its way through the nut and made its exit.

A correspondent sends me a cutting from the "Essex County Chronicle," which gives an account of a live toad being found embedded in the centre of the trunk of a large oak tree (measuring 24 feet in diameter) at about 12 feet from the root. The wood is stated to have been perfectly solid, with neither inlet or outlet. There are many superstitions connected with reptiles, and I am afraid this is one of them. Several such occurrences have been circumstantially testified to, and I believe that handsome rewards have from time to time been offered for the toad and the wood or rock that is supposed to have encased it, but no one, so far as I know, has ever claimed the reward.

The additions to the Gardens of the Zoological Society during the week ending April 23, were, a common badger, a red and blue macaw, two Polar hares, three Antipodes Island parrakeets, a bonnet monkey, a green monkey, a great kangaroo, a rhesus monkey, a leopard tortoise, and a Cape viper.

THE ACTOR.

Mr. Alexander may be congratulated upon having secured the services of Miss Juliette Neville for the chief female part in "The Triumph of the Philistines." So far as I know she is absolutely the only first-rate artist who is available for a rôle demanding French nationality with the ability to speak a little English. In this respect she has only one notable rival—Miss Adrienne Dairoilles, who at present is in America, where she has made a hit. Miss Dairoilles, I hear, would have preferred to stay in England had there been anything for her to do.

Mr. Carton's new play may be looked for at the Criterion on or about Tuesdays, May 7. Messrs. Waller and Morell had acquired the right to produce it, but circumstances prevented its production at the Haymarket, and eventually Mr. Wyndham undertook to put it on at his theatre and play a leading part in it. He is now rehearsing it daily with the assistance—invaluable, in this case, for Mr. Carton has been an actor—of the author. Mr. Waller, of course, has also a leading part in the piece, and the remainder of the cast is mainly recruited from that of "An Ideal Ideal."

Mr. Toole has faced manfully and successfully the difficulty arising out of his continued illness. In his absence the bill at his theatre manifestly required strengthening. This has been done by the engagement of Mr. Rutland Barrington, who, as the provincial mayor who is the owner of a racecourse against his will, should be extremely funny. The withdrawal of "His Excellency" has also set free Mr. George Grossmith, whose entertainment, as an afterpiece to "Thoroughbred," should be very popular both with Londoners and with country visitors.

I mentioned some time ago that Messrs. Harry Grattan and Fred Storey were about to form a company for touring with "Go Bang," and I find that the troupe have started operations this week at Blackpool.

On Monday they begin a week's stay at Stratford, E., whence they go successively to Croydon and to the Standard. In this instance, Miss Emily Grattan plays Di Dahlrymple, and the part of the Boojum is undertaken for the first time by a lady—Miss Ada Willoughby. This latter fact alone should give a peculiar interest to the representation.

I was one of those who were invited to the recital given at the Salle Erard in Great Marlborough-street on Wednesday by Miss Beatrice Herford. This young lady, the daughter of a minister at Hampstead, has spent some years in America, where she has carefully studied life and character. Her sketch of an American shop-girl is singularly true to life, but so is everything she does. She is a monologist, but she pretends to hold conversations with invisible interlocutors. The effect is very quaint, for Miss Herford has not only the dramatic instinct but a keen sense of the humorous.

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be regretted that club anglers do not support the society more in the way of membership, for it does a great and useful work. Much more than its entire income arising from members' contributions, it is distributed annually, and if it were not for the generous donations made to it in one form or another, during the year, it could not go on as it now does. Every angler ought to join its ranks, less outside appeals would then be necessary, and the benevolent and preservative funds would each mutually benefit.

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GENERAL CHATTER.

Bad times are at hand for ostrich farmers. Their greatest patron, the British "Arriett," is abandoning her magnificent feather for artificial down. The other day I saw three of these sprightly ladies with headgear which made my eye wink. Each hat was covered with floral ornamentation of the most brilliant hues—scarlet, crimson, pink, and light green. Whether the fowls were intended to represent roses, or peonies, or rhododendrons, or geraniums, deponit saeth not. They were very fine and large; that is quite certain. We shall next have duchesses giving up diamonds and adding themselves to glass beads. If the Princess of Wales were to do that fashion, society would be certain to affect astonishment that any one could admire diamonds. So colourless, you know, and so trying to the complexion!

"As he had left his purse at home, much anxiety was felt on his behalf, it being feared that he had committed suicide." I take this elegant extract from a provincial paper; it seems to me odd that a gentleman should be once suspected of felon-de-sé merely because he forgot his purse. I suppose the neighbour assumed that he would never have gone forth without the price of a drink, unless he had made up his mind to forsake strong liquor for evermore.

At a recent great gathering of Good Templars the chairman boasted that "to-day the united voices of the people go up in a great shout for power to prohibit the sale of drink." Well, during the Easter holidays I passed some hundreds of public-houses at one time and another, and it really seemed to me that "the people" inside raised no end of a great shout for more drink. Of course, I may have been mistaken, but that was what my listening ears caught, together with strains of bacchanalian minstrelsy.

Which is the oldest tree in England? The ancient Spanish chestnut at Lord Dunc's fine place in Gloucestershire, Lortworth Park, cannot be far from the premiership, considering that it was considered one of the parish landmarks more than 1,000 years ago. There is, however, a venerable elm just behind the village church at Croughton, in Northamptonshire, which must run it close. This sylvan relic was mentioned in Doomsday Book, showing that even so long back as that it had achieved a reputation for size and age.

Can it really be true that some female shop assistants at Birmingham get only five shillings a week for working 11 or 12 hours a day? It seems incredible that such villainous sweating should exist, but the statement is made by a local gentleman, who authenticates it with his signature. No wonder that there are so many fallen women in the streets of English towns; "the wages of sin are death," we know, but for a short time they enable the sinner to live comfortably, whereas the wages of virtue at Birmingham are just as deadly, but without even the briefest spell of comfort.

There is a certain sort of gravel laid down in some of the London parks which never binds sufficiently to make comfortable walking for the tender-footed. The surface is always more or less covered with sharp bits of pebble and flint, which are eminently exasperating to the lightly shod. If stuff of this sort must be used—for the life of me I cannot see any reason why—it should be effectually rolled at all events. The royal parks are the worst offenders by far, and among them Hyde Park has evil pre-eminence. Rouse up, George Ranger, and swear around for a bit, if your august lips can frame naughty words.

Whereas political Dissenters are prone to brag in their public utterances, that Nonconformity is steadily gaining ground on the Established Church, they do not talk that flatulent nonsense among themselves. Thus, at a recent assemblage of these excessively devout folks down in Yorkshire, a bright and shining light expressed a very confident opinion that the Nonconformist churches and chapels in the locality are not nearly so well attended as they used to be. One never hears that sort of despondent talk from Churchmen; among them discussion usually turns upon the best way to raise money either for enlarging old churches or for building new ones. Clearly, therefore, their congregations must be increasing instead of diminishing, and the inference is, of course, that this gain results from recruiting among the Nonconformist sects.

It would have excellent educational effect on our citizen soldiers were arrangements made by the military authorities for them to go under canvas at Easter-tide and other holiday times at remote places, such as Yateley Heath, where they would have to largely depend upon themselves. The tents would have to be forwarded by the War Office, which should also arrange for commissariat supplies, &c. But everything else—pitching camp, trenching, hygienic precautions, cooking, bedding, and all other camping requirements—would be left for the Volunteers to carry out. I feel convinced that they would gain more valuable knowledge in this way than from twice the time spent on pretentious reviews and manoeuvres.

The Pope, it appears, still labours under the delusion that the English people are longing to abjure Protestantism and return to Rome. Well, I see no signs of this supposed craving. On the contrary, it seems to me that never was the British backbone more stiff against the ambitious Church, whose votaries their ancestors threw off with so much difficulty. It is very noticeable that at those churches where Romish doctrine and ritual are imitated and travestied, the masculine element in the congregations is apt to be almost imperceptible. Women can be got at the emotional side, but men need preaching and ceremonial that appeal to reason.

"When the drink is in, the wit is out," came very true the other day at a Lancashire village, in the case of a local worthy who had dropped in at a public-house to slake his thirst. He must have remained rather too long, it would seem, as on leaving the inn he hitched his watch on to the latch outside the door, where it was found by another thirsty soul. Why did he do it? He can scarcely have imagined that the latch was the pillow of his virtuous couch, nor could he have mistaken it for a providential watch-

pocket. What wonders of thought lie concealed in the brains of the drunken!

There are few things more irritating to the newspaper reader than to discover at the end of some lengthy and fairly interesting narrative that it is merely an artfully disguised advertisement of some patent medicine or other speciality. Time after time have I been taken in by these deceitful fellows, and like news, they are printed like news, and they appear among news. Then, when the truth dawns upon us the lambent air becomes impregnated with venom language, and my personal insurance is endangered to a lamentable degree. The worst of it, too, is that the name of the advertised article sticks in my memory for several days. Clearly the enterprising people who adopt this method of pushing their wares know what they are about.

MADAME.

Two very important features of fashion at the present moment are capes and gown trimmings, and I think it may perhaps furnish some helpful hints to my readers if I make these masters the principal subject of my remarks this week. Nowadays a gown, even when composed of the most homely material, is seldom seen without trimming of some description. In some cases the skirt is quite plain, while the bodice is more or less elaborately trimmed, but very frequently the trimming appears on the skirt as well. This is, of course, a good deal determined by the material of which the gown is made.

A very pretty style a good deal adopted now is to have a black crepon gown trimmed with a coloured material. There are charming soft fabrics made specially for this purpose. They are a mixture of silk and wool, and can be had in all manner of lovely colourings. A fashionable way to trim a black crepon gown would be to have points of the coloured material let in at intervals round the wide-fitted skirt. This has an excellent effect in making the somewhat heavy black of the crepon.

For the bodice have the back altogether of crepon, with a softly-draped front of the coloured material, relieved by rather narrow braces of the crepon ornamented with jet, the high folded collar band of the coloured material fastening at the back with a square-shaped bow, very wide drooping sleeve tops of the black crepon, with long cuffs of the coloured material, finished at the wrists with a frill of black lace to fall over the hands. This is a most becoming finish to the sleeve. Sometimes the wrist frill is of pleated chiffon.

Another style of trimming very much in fashion are embroidered sets for the decoration of the bodice. These are made of either cream, white, or black satin. The set consists sometimes of vest panel and lapels, with deep cuffs to match, or you can have one of the fashionable deep collars and cuffs, or braces, to go down each side of the bodice front, with cuffs to match. No set is considered complete without the cuffs. The satin is traced in floral designs—tiny blossoms or feathered foliage, according to taste—and then embroidered in coloured silk. Little touches of jewelled beads may be introduced here and there with good effect.

Of course these dainty little works of art are enormously expensive to buy, but there is no reason why any girl with even moderately clever fingers and a little artistic taste should not make for a very small outlay handsome sets of embroidery for herself. Industry as well as neatness must be brought to the task if the result is to be satisfactory. I would lay stress upon industry, for delicate work of this kind does not improve by remaining unfinished for an indefinite time. It is sure to get sold and untidy looking if it is too long in hand.

I should recommend for a beginner a set in black satin, consisting of a vest panel and cuffs. It is all important that you should cut out your vest panel and cuffs from a good pattern. If you are not equal to making your own design you can get a pretty floral-stamped pattern and transfer it to the satin by laying it face downwards and quickly passing a rather cool iron over it. When this is done embroider it in coloured silks. When the embroidery is finished press it on the wrong side with a moderately cool iron in order to remove any puckers from the work; then line with sarcenet or some soft silk. Really rich and handsome dress trimmings may be made in this way for a very trifling cost. If you introduce gold, silver, or coloured beads they should be put in after you have ironed out the work.

LAST WEEK'S ITEMS.

The entertainment of French naval and military officers on board the Australia at Havre was a great success.

All the arrangements regarding the train which is to convey Queen Victoria to Darmstadt have been completed at Nîmes.

Russia disapproves of the treaty between Japan and China of the supposed revolution of feeling in Great Britain in favour of Japan.

The two Turkish soldiers who recently assaulted and ill-treated the young son of M. Roust, the dragoman of the French Embassy, have been sentenced by the military tribunal to 45 days' imprisonment.

Members of the Danish Folketing who are opposed to the coalition between Conservatives and the Moderate Left, have formed themselves into a body known as the "Reform Party."

A quantity of pamphlets, issued by the Stundist sect with the object of disseminating their doctrines in Russia, have been seized by the customs authorities on the frontier.

The Duke of Richmond and Gordon on Saturday opened a central Technical Training School for Girls at Worthing, which has been established by the West Sussex County Council.

An alarming scaffold accident occurred in the King's-road, Chelsea, on Saturday morning. A support giving way, James Hollock fell backwards on to the pavement. He was picked up insensible and conveyed to the hospital.

A Brussels journal asserts that it has good reasons to believe that King Leopold will shortly proceed to Rome, the main object of his journey being to confer with the Pope concerning the attitude of the Christian Democrats in Belgium.

Lady Powell laid the foundation of some new schoolroom Wigan which are to cost £20,000.

At a football match, Cornwall v. Kestruth, at the latter place a home forward named Vale had his leg badly broken by a fall.

At Bristol on Saturday Wm. Drury, H. Hares, and Ed. Shapard were charged with stealing a ton of potatoes. They had sold the potatoes to local tradesmen, the buyers knowing them to be connected with the trade. Case adjourned. Hares admitted to bail.

Sir M. Hickie-Boach, addressing the committee of the West Bristol Conservative Association said that his opinion—subject to some unforeseen change—was that while the Government had a trustworthy majority of not more than 12 or 15 they would remain in office.

At Doncaster on Saturday Patrick Moran, collier, was charged with firing a shot at the property of Messrs. Cliffe and Hall, hay and straw dealers. Prisoner was seen walking near a stack which was soon afterwards discovered to be in flames. He was followed and arrested, matches being found on him.—Committed to the sessions.

The 20th annual business meeting of members of the Sun Society was held at Princes' Hall, Mr. H. Butterfield in the chair. The report referred with satisfaction to the success which attended the opening of reading-rooms at Exeter Hall on Sundays, and to the success which attended the celebration of Museum Sunday in December.

At Chesterfield on Saturday an old man named Scammon, who was stated to have spent 30 years in gaol, was charged with stealing a mare, the property of Mr. Hanson of Glapwell, and committed to trial. Prisoner is said to be well known all over the country as a horse stealer, and at Portland worked side by side with the Tichborne gentleman.

An inquest held at Newby last week on the bodies of Samuel and James Moffit, Mrs. Moffit said she made some broth of bacon and barley on Sunday, and that what was left was used for dinner on Tuesday. After dinner the whole family became ill, and two died.—Medical evidence showed that the bacon had fermented and caused choleric diarrhoea.—Verdict according.

An inquest was held at Sheffield on the body of Henry Spelling, works manager, who was found by his grandson near a revolver with which he had shot himself in the head. On removal to the infirmary two bullets were extracted. Defendant had recently been much depressed at the loss of some money.—Verdict, suicide whilst temporarily insane.

At Manchester last week Richard Newton, secretary of the Friendly Society of Iron-founders, whose headquarters are in London, was remanded on a charge of embezzling certain monies of the society. It was alleged that the prisoner, in conjunction with another official, had appropriated about £1,000 which had been received by him for sick allowances, superannuation grants, &c.

At Cheltenham the wife of Maj.-gen. Fraser was crossing the railway line, and when a train, travelling at a good speed, rushed along she became confused and stepped into its track. An official shouted to her to lie down, which she did just as the train reached her. When about half its length had passed over her the train pulled up, and it was found that, although unconscious, she had escaped uninjured.

At Haslemere, on Saturday, Mr. Roumieu held an inquiry into the death of Owen Venus, wood merchant, Fernhurst, Sussex. Deceased had been to the goods shed at the station and left by a way provided for the company's servants only. He was squeezing between a large box truck and the wall when, owing to shunting operations, the truck moved on and crushed deceased against the wall. Death was instantaneous.—Verdict, accidental death.

At Doncaster on Saturday E. Burton and John Burnett were charged with working a horse in an unfit state. Burnett denied the statements of the police regarding the condition of the animal, and charged the officers with having committed perjury. He handed the bench a veterinary surgeon's certificate, but the magistrate held that was not evidence; he also invited the bench to personally inspect the horse, but they declined, and holding the offence proved, imposed fines.

FIRES IN LONDON.
A destructive fire broke out at 41, Park-street, Limehouse, occupied by Mr. Hanson, and back rooms were gutted. At Hill-side, Lee, the timber shed was completely destroyed and the back room of a private house damaged.—Premises occupied by a wheelwright and joiner, at Stocks-place, Limehouse, were also damaged, and smaller fires are reported from Whitecross-street, St. Luke's, and at Wandsworth-road, Wandsworth.

Mr. D. Naoroji, M.P., presiding last week at a concert given in aid of printers' almshouses, referred to the important part that printing played in the advancement of civilisation.

The death was reported at Kingston, on Saturday, of Mr. W. G. Gibbons, M.A., chartered accountant, and vicar's warden of St. Luke's Church, who expired suddenly at the London Office of the English Church Union on the previous day. Apoplexy is attributed as the cause of death.

Physicians have learned that the most effective and easiest way to take Cod Liver Oil is in the form of SCOT'S EMULSION. This is a reliable preparation of highest merit. It does not contain any oil, and is easily digestible. It is safe for children, and adults suffering from any result of a wasting disease or condition.—(Adv.)

LEACH'S CHILDREN'S DRAEMAKER for May contains a Paper Pattern of Girl's New Blouse and Skirt; also a Paper Pattern of Little Spring Fashions; also a Paper Pattern of a Coat and Trouser; and Valuable Advice to Mothers. Price 1d. by post two stamps.—Mrs. LEACHE, 4, Grosvenor-court, Fitzroy-square, London, S.C.—(Adv.)

FOOTBALL.

ASSOCIATION.
CHALLENGE CUP.
FINAL TIE.

ASTON VILLA v. WEST BROMWICH ALBION.

Victory of ASTON VILLA.

Despite the fact of the final tie being delayed five weeks from the decision of the semi-finals, the interest in the great struggle for possession of the English Cup had apparently not suffered slight damage, and the small ground at the Crystal Palace presented a most remarkable appearance on Saturday afternoon. It had been known for some time since the council of the Football Association had concluded that the final being played at the Crystal Palace would be the final being played at the Crystal Palace presented a most remarkable appearance on Saturday afternoon. It had been known for some time since the council of the Football Association had concluded that the final being played at the Crystal Palace would be the final being played at the Crystal Palace presented a most remarkable appearance on Saturday afternoon. 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LYCUMEN.
WEDNESDAY EVENING.—THE NIGHT. Until May 2d, at 8.30 p.m., KING ALBERT, by George Cawr. Mr. J. G. Moore, King Edward and Miss Mary Terry. MUSICAL COMEDY OF KINGS. By W. H. D'Alton and W. H. D'Alton, and supported by Mr. J. G. Moore, King Edward and Miss Mary Terry. May 1st, 8.30 p.m.
ON NATURALLY GREAT STUFF. May 4th, 8.30 p.m. Following the success of THE COINERS, by the late W. G. White, presented by Mr. J. G. Moore, King Edward, and during the performance, seats also booked by letter or telegram.

ADELPHI THEATRE.

Sole Proprietors and Managers, Messrs. A. & S. GATTI.
EVERY EVENING, at 8.30 p.m.—Theatrical Pictures, and Mr. David Belasco, entitled THE GIRL I LEFT BEHIND. Starring W. H. D'Alton, Mrs. Alice Tully, Charles Fulton, Michael Purdon, Julian Crook, G. W. Cockburn, Ackerman, May; Maude Cuthbert, Mary Allerton, Marie Sturman, and others open till 10.30 p.m.

STRAND THEATRE.

Mr. J. G. MOORE, H.M.'S. SEASON.
EVERY EVENING, at 8.30 p.m.—An Original Farce in Three Acts, by George E. Sims and Cecil Raleigh, entitled THE JOURNEY'S END. Starring W. H. D'Alton, Mrs. Alice Tully, and Misses Milward, Tilly, and May. May 1st, 8.30 p.m.
MURDER IN THE COOKHOUSE. May 2nd, 8.30 p.m.
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MURDER IN THE COOKHOUSE. May 6th, 8.30 p.m.
MURDER IN THE COOKHOUSE. May 7th, 8.30 p.m.

SAVOY.

EVERY EVENING, at 8.30 p.m.—Humperdinck's *Bacchus*.
Successful Comedy in Two Acts, by Mr. Fred G. Lathem,
MANUEL AND GRETEL,
by the Royal Carl Rosa Opera Company.

MARSHAL'S WEDDING. May 1st, 8.30 p.m.—Special Morning Performance.

DOORS OPEN AT 7.30 P.M.—Matinees open from 8.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.—M. DUCOLY CARTE, Proprietor and Manager.

GLOBE THEATRE.

Lessee, W. R. PENLEY.
C. H. & J. M. N.Y.
EVERY EVENING, at 8.30 p.m.—
THE JOURNEY'S END.
Matines, Every Saturday, at 8.30 p.m.

TOOLE'S THEATRE.

EVERY EVENING, at 8.30 p.m.—An Original Comic Sporting Play. Three Acts.

THE ROUGH-NECKED.

Proprietor, MR. G. H. GRIMES.
DOORS OPEN AT 7.30 P.M.—Matinees 10.30 to 12.30.

FIRST MATINEE OF THE SEASON, WEDNESDAY, MAY 1ST.

CARRICK THEATRE.

MR. JOHN HARE.
EVERY EVENING, at 8.30 p.m.—THE NOTORIOUS MRS. MERRIMENT, by A. W. Pinero. Mr. John Hare, M.P., Arthur Macrae, Mrs. Macrae, G. C. Alexander, J. S. Calhoun, Miss Jeffreys, H. H. Daley, C. Grove, and Patrick Campbell. Matines, Every Saturday, at 8.30 p.m.
DOORS OPEN 7.30 P.M.—Matinees, Every Saturday, at 8.30 p.m.

VAUDEVILLE THEATRE.

Lessee, MR. WEEDON GROSMITH.
EVERY EVENING, at 8.30 p.m.—A New and Original Farce in Three Acts, by Mr. Fred G. Lathem, entitled THE LADIES' IDOL.

MR. WEEDON GROSMITH, Messrs. J. E. D. D'Alton, Mrs. Alice Tully, and Misses Milward, Tilly, and May. May 1st, 8.30 p.m.

DOORS OPEN AT 7.30 P.M.—Matinees open from 8.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.—M. DUCOLY CARTE, Proprietor and Manager.

COMEDY THEATRE.

Lessee and Manager, Mr. J. CONYNS CARE.
EVERY EVENING, at 8.30 p.m.—A New and Original Play, by Victoria Sackville, adapted by J. Conyns Care, entitled DELIA HANING.

Box-office (Mr. Sackville) 10.30 to 12.30.

COMEDY.

GAETY THEATRE.
Lessee and Manager, Mr. GEORGE EDWARD.

EVERY EVENING.—THE SHOP GIRL.
Box-office open daily, 10.30 to 6.—Matines, Saturday Next, 2.30, doors open 1.45.

DALY'S THEATRE.

Bob Lessee and Manager, MR. AUGUSTIN DALY.
EVERY EVENING, at 8.30 p.m.—A Comedy with Music, entitled AN ARTIST'S MODEL, by Owen Hall. Lyrics by Harry Green, and Music by J. C. Hart. Starring Mr. Arthur Hart, Misses Anna, and Mrs. Ernestine. Powerful Cast. Presented at 8.30 p.m.—THE DUN BATTLE.

Matines, Every Saturday, at 8.30 p.m.
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OUTRAGE AT BARNET.
CHILD MURDERED.

Coroner's Inquiry Opened.

At Barnet, on Monday, Coroner Bradford opened an inquest respecting the death of Lydia Hill, who was murdered in a field at Barnet on Thursday. Tom Osborn, the man under remand charged with the commission of the crime, was brought from Holloway Gaol in custody, and was present in court during the hearing. He looked stolid and unconvicted.



Osborn.

Wm. Hill, the father of the little victim, was the first witness, and he repeated the evidence he gave at the inquest. Wm. Davidson said he knew nothing about Lydia Hill being lost on Wednesday. At about 3 o'clock on the following morning he went down his garden and, looking over the fence, saw a child lying on the grass apparently asleep. He scaled the fence intending to arouse her, and then found that she was dead. He noticed no blood, but he did not look closely, for he was too much horrified, and made all haste to inform the police.

Sergt. Jewell, stationed at East Barnet, informed the coroner that at 9.30 on Thursday morning he was about to inquire of Mr. Hill whether the little girl had returned, when the last witness called him and said,

"There is a Dead Child."

The girl was found lying on her back with her legs bent, arms extended, and fingers clenched. She was quite dead. Beside her was a penny, and across her face was the skipping rope produced. It appeared to witness as though somebody had placed the rope where he saw it. The girl's clothing was not disarranged. Witness went for the police-surgeon, and proceeded to examine the ground, with the result that he found slight indentations about a foot below the child's feet. Indentations appeared to witness to have been caused by the toes or sides of heavy boots. Careful search had been made, but there was no evidence of any struggle whatever.—The coroner here observed that the sergeant had other inquiries to make, and thought he had additional evidence it had better stand over to an adjourned hearing.

In answer to the coroner, Mr. Hill said he identified the skipping rope as his daughter's. He added that she had no money when she left home.—Ada Baker, a playmate of the deceased girl, said they were playing at skipping when one of the girls told Lydia that her sister was calling her. She ran round the corner of the street, and a moment later "Tommy" Osborn came, and turned after Lydia towards Long-street. This was about 20 minutes to 9 o'clock. He was walking quietly. She had at times seen Osborn playing with Little Girls, but not interfering with them.—Prisoner: Playing music to them.—The Coroner: How did you recognise him? I know him well, and the lamps were alight.—Ettie Julian, a school-girl, said she was going on an errand up Long-street on Wednesday night when she was accosted by Osborn, who was loitering in Lancaster-road, close to Long-street, at about 8.30. He said, "I'll have you when you come back." As she returned, shortly afterwards, he caught hold of her, and said, "I'll have you, duckie." She dodged him, and ran home. She could not recognise his voice, but she thought it was Osborn at the time, and she had known him for years. There were no lamps, but she knew the man. He came from behind a tree. She screamed when he stopped her. She got home just after 9 o'clock, and told her parents.—Dr. Roughton, divisional police surgeon, said at the post mortem examination he found no marks of violence save such as were due to outrage. Death was due to suffocation and not to injuries associated with the outrage. He was analysing portions of Osborn's clothing.—Adjourned.

WATER AND THE FROST. The inquiry as to the insufficient supply of water in the Wandsworth district was locally resumed on Thursday. Mr. Bodkin was counsel for the Lambeth Waterworks Company.—Mr. Southam, surveyor of Clapham, gave evidence of the exceptional frost in the Wandsworth district.—Mr. Dickinson, a member of the District Board of Works, said the mains at Streatham were laid 30 years ago, and had never before burst.—Mr. Martin, surveyor to the Streatham Local Board, said the mains at Brixton Hill and Bedford Hill were lit. sin. under ground.—On Friday Mr. W. Young, on behalf of the Wandsworth Board, said what the memorialists desired was that the water companies should be under exactly the same obligation as the gas companies.—Evidence having been given by the surveyors for Clapham and Tooting, the case for the memorialists was closed.—The inspector then adjourned the inquiry sine die, for the company to call witnesses on its behalf.

CHOKED BY BEEF. The Westminster coroner held an inquiry at St. Clement's Vestry Hall as to the death of W. Levy, 47, meat porter, of Drury-lane, who choked himself while eating a steak and potatoes at a coffee-house in Catherine-street, Strand.—Mrs. Squires, the coffee-house keeper, said the man seemed in good health, but suddenly turned black in the face and fell on the floor. She sent for assistance, and an am from Drury Lane Theatre helped to carry Levy outside, and he was propped up against the railings to give him air, while a doctor who was passing administered salt and water. This was of no avail, and the police took the man on an ambulance to King's College Hospital.—Dr. Wace said the man was dead when admitted. He had been suffocated by a mass of meat which was impacted on the air passages at the top of his throat. His life might have been saved if the mass had been removed immediately.—Accidental death.

ROYAL COMMISSION ON AGRICULTURE. The Royal Commission on Agriculture met for the first time after the Easter vacation, Mr. Shaw-Lefevre presiding.—Mr. Dalton was called, and gave further evidence on the subject of local taxation; and Mr. M. C. Thompson, engaged in agriculture in Central Queensland for a long period and interested in the frozen meat trade, also gave evidence. The commission will remove its headquarters to Edinburgh on June 3, and as the list of witnesses in a long one, the taking of evidence in Scotland is likely to last for some time.

At Margate Quarter Sessions, Albert Edward Woodson, alias Charles Bowes, a clerk, was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment with hard labour for obtaining money by false pretences. Mr. Lind, a miller, advertised for an incubator, and prisoner wrote offering one for £35. The money was forwarded to Darlington, but nothing was heard of prisoner until he was arrested in Carlisle.

LOSS OF THE ELBE.

A Lowestoft trawler which arrived on Monday brought in several articles taken from the body of a lady brought up in the trawling, which established her identity as that of the sister of Eugene Schlegel, one of the five surviving passengers on board the Elbe. The two had booked to New York, and on the brother being awakened by the collision, he aroused his sister before going on deck. She was ordered to one side of the vessel with the other women and the children, and her brother stated he saw her no more.

The Lowestoft trawler Clement reported, on arrival on Thursday, bringing up a body very much decomposed in the trawl on the previous day, and taking from the pockets documents and money, the former proving it to be that of Henry Hurke, between-decks passenger on board the Elbe, who was proceeding from Bremen to Beatrice, Nebraska.

RETURN OF JABEZ BALPOUR.

The agents of the Prince Line of steamers state that the Tarter Prince, from Buenos Ayres, with Insp. Frost and his prisoner, Jabez Balfour, on board, after coaling at St. Vincent, where he arrived on Thursday, will proceed direct to Liverpool, sloping down to the port of pick up the Thame pilot. The Tarter Prince is due in Liverpool 10 days after leaving St. Vincent about May 5. The New Association understands that the Government has not yet suggested any alteration of the vessel's course from St. Vincent to London, but should they, in the meantime, desire to land Balfour somewhere on the South Coast, the instructions to Capt. Heathcote will probably be altered. Up to the present, however, the Tarter Prince is expected to come direct into the Princess.

TRAIL OF DRUGSTORE FORGOTTEN.

At the Central Criminal Court Mr. Avery, who appeared for the prosecution of the director of the Balfour group of companies, moved, before the Recorder, that the trial be postponed till the next session. The reasons for the postponement were, he said, obvious. The Recorder granted the application.

BALFOUR'S CURSE.

At a furniture sale at Abingdon on Thursday the lots included a carved oak Glastonbury chair, upholstered in green morocco, and bearing silver plate containing this inscription:—"Presented to Jabez Spence Balfour by the working men and women of the borough of Croydon Jan. 1882." The chair was sold for £27 7s. 6d.

EASTBOURNE CARNIVAL.

Unsettled weather prevailed at the Battle of Flowers, held in connection with the Eastbourne Carnival on Wednesday. Thousands of persons lined the decorated streets through which the procession of adorned equipages passed from the Town Hall to the Grand Parade, where the actual battle took place.

The scene was one of great splendour, most elaborate embellishments extending the full length of the parade, while specially-erected tribunes were crowded with fashionable folks, who engaged in the floral combat. Unfortunately a heavy shower of rain somewhat marred the enjoyment. No specific design had been followed by the competitors, but most of the vehicles bore evidence of very artistic treatment. The Duke and Duchess of Devonshire's banner was gained by Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bruce (London).

The carnival was continued on Thursday with a battle of confetti carried out on the grand parade. Beautiful weather favoured this event, and many of the decorated vehicles which took part in the battle of flowers on the previous day were present, and some thousands of persons engaged in the humorous sport. The day's proceedings terminated with an illuminated procession of cyclists, prizes being awarded for the best adorned machines and fantastical costumes.

ASSAULT ON A HUSBAND.

Mary Ann Barnett, Dora-street, Limehouse, was charged at Thames with violently assaulting her husband John. The latter had evidently been seriously knocked about, and the greater part of his face was covered with sticking plaster. He said that on the 10th inst., while in bed, his wife came home as drunk as she could be, and punched him about the chest. He took no notice, and then she dealt him four or five blows on the face and head with a poker. All his teeth subsequently were forced back. Defendant then washed her face with the blood which fell from his wounds. A son of the parties bore out his father's statement.—The daughter said prosecutor was knocked senseless with the poker. She called out, "Mother, you have killed him," and accused ran back to where her husband was lying, and rubbed her face on his face and breast.—Committed for trial.

DEATH OF SIR R. HAMILTON.

Sir R. Hamilton died on Monday after an illness of several weeks' duration at the age of 58. Sir Robert had filled many important posts in the public service, notably the Under-secretaryship for Ireland between the years 1882 and 1886, and at the time of his death he was chairman of the Board of Customs.

BANK CLERK'S SUICIDE.

The Carnarvonshire coroner conducted an inquiry into the circumstances attending the death of Walter G. Botterley, 22, clerk in Lloyd's Banks at Rugeley. Deceased was found on the line near Bangor on the 20th, and two letters found on the body pointed to suicide. The first epistle was addressed to the bank manager, and said that women had spoilt a brilliant career, and that deceased had taken this means of effacement. The other letter was addressed to the editor of a Birmingham newspaper, and stated that deceased had taken this step fearing he was to become co-responsible in a notorious Staffordshire divorce case.—Suicide.

A WINDFALL OF £400,000.

It was stated authoritatively in Bradford on Monday that through the death of Mr. Richard Ridehalgh, an old Bradford conveyancer, who practised for half a century, Mr. C. Ayre, a Manchester solicitor, and Mr. Carr, a solicitor, of Nelson, Lancashire, are residuary legatees in equal shares of an estimated estate in real and personalty approaching £400,000. The amount to his account at the Bradford bankers is over £150,000, and was untouched for a lengthy period. The testator was a bachelor, and died without near relatives. The legatees, it is stated, are distant relatives and god-children of the deceased, whose fortune was amassed by frugality and good investments.

CASH FOR BRAINS CASE.

English law is notoriously strong on the rights of property; and it seems as if property has its rights even while the law is being set afoot to prove that it was ill-got. The result of the "Cash for Brains" alias Oxzone, case at Old Bailey makes that evident when it is remembered that the Common Sergeant, in granting £2,000 bail to the Oxzone men, explained that the charge being one of misdemeanor, the question might arise whether the court had any right to refuse bail. The result is that the holders of thousands of British money, got presumably by fraud, purchased for £2,000 the right to slope with the remainder of their takings. The £2,000 was estreated on Wednesday, April 24, and Webber naturally failing to put in an appearance.

A large quantity of silver plate has been just found in a ditch near Eridge, Sussex. The goods had been missed since the burglary last July at Silverhill House, near Tunbridge Wells.

BURGLARS IN LUDGATE CIRCUS.

Between Saturday night and Monday morning a gang of burglars broke into the block of business houses known as Ludgate Circus Buildings, at the corner of Farringdon-street and Ludgate Circus, and completely ransacked the offices and various departments of several firms. Entrance was gained by means of the railway. After the men had climbed an iron fence, they all down a water-pipe some 30ft. or 40ft. to the ground floor. Messrs. Page and Pratt's warehouses were broken into, but only a small amount of cash was obtained. Here the burglars left behind them stamps of cigars and a cigar-box emptied, which had been stolen from the adjoining premises. Messrs. Smith and Westwood's ironmongery establishment was also entered, and a large quantity of edibles and cigars, and some money were taken from the Ludgate Café Restaurant. The offices of the Wesleyan Methodist Sunday School Union were ransacked, while at the City News-rooms, occupied by Mr. Walker, the managers had a good haul, decamping with over £2 in gold, silver, and copper, and more than a pound of tobacco, together with a box and a half of valuable cigars, and postal orders, and stamps to the value of nearly £2. The Hospital Saturday Fund box, which was hanging near the office, was wrenched open and the contents extracted.—Burglars effected an entrance on Monday morning to the Boston public-house, Junction-road, Kentish Town, and made off with about £100 in gold and silver.

MARRIED MISERY.

At Marylebone, Elizabeth Wilson, of Preston-street, Kentish Town, whose face

SONS FOR A BROKEN HEART.

Postal Clerk's ESTATE ON LOVE-MAN.

In the Queen's Bench the case of Giles v. Perry was heard. This was an action to recover damages for the breaking of a promise to marry the plaintiff, and the substance of the case for the defendant was that he was justified in refusing to marry the plaintiff in consequence of the condition of health in which she was. Mr. H. C. Gillan was for the plaintiff, and the defendant appeared in person. The plaintiff, it was said, was a lady who was employed at the Orleans Club, and the defendant was a clerk in the Post Office at a salary of £200 a week. The parties first met in July, 1892, and a correspondence followed; there was a promise to marry, and the marriage was to take place in the last week of October, 1893, but the defendant refused to marry the plaintiff on account of the condition of her health. Plaintiff was called, and, in answer to counsel, said she was employed at the Orleans Club. She first became acquainted with the defendant in 1892, being introduced to him by her sister's. She saw him very nearly every night after that.—Mr. Gillan: Have you any cause of complaint against him? Well, I had a bad attack of indigestion. (Laughter.)—What is your complaint? Nothing, only I had a very bad cold. (Laughter.)—But he didn't give you the injection or the cold? No. (Laughter.)—What have you brought your action for? Because he promised to marry me.—When did he promise to marry you? In August, 1892.—Did he write you this letter of Oct. 16 from Dover? Dear Louie.—A dreary wet morning greeted my view.

As I Ross from Mr. Bax on the morning of my departure for here. The tall sunflowers in a neighbouring garden were waving their big yellow-petaled heads like bilious patients. However, despite the stream of rain, I breakfasted well, and, preparing for my journey, footed it through to Herne Hill Railway Station, a distance of one and three-quarter miles, if no more, with my trappings; and do you know, my darling, I was pondering in my mind many subjects.

I thought that perhaps during the time of my absence, my darling would think of me occasionally, and not altogether unkindly; and yet methought further that the most satisfactory form to my mind your regard for me could take would be to safeguard your health. If you are seeking healthy occupation for hours that you have long found to pass tediously, there are many ways of usefulness. A kind-hearted matronly lady would bring manifold gratification. Your present task at the 'C.' I view with unfeigned alarm and dissatisfaction.

The afternoon was free from rain, and the expanse of sky above the sea was a fairy grotto of softest blue tints, with a slight haze at the point where it descended to the sea in the far distant horizon. Now to conclude with fondest affection from YOUNG WILLIAM.

Witness: Yes.—The defendant said that he had never denied the promise to marry, and he addressed the jury, contending that the condition of health of the plaintiff justified him in breaking of the engagement.—Mr. Justice Wright told the jury that there was no legal defence to the action, and the only question for them was the amount of the damages.—The foreman, after consulting the other jurors, said that they awarded the plaintiff £50.—Mr. Gillan applied for judgment with costs.—Mr. Justice Wright: Such costs as the law will allow.—The defendant said he was willing to pay his own costs, but he asked to be relieved of those of the plaintiff, if otherwise he would have a millstone round his neck for the remainder of his life.—Mr. Justice Wright said that he had no power to grant this request.

THE IMPROUNDATE WIDOW.

Arthur Ennis, a cleanly-looking little fellow of 12, was charged at West Ham with going from house to house with the following letter:—"Please, kind ladies, will you spare a pound to help me keep seven little children. My husband is dead, and the only child that is old enough to go to work at present, and would be very glad of any old clothes.—B. Ennis."—The mother, a respectable-looking woman, poorly clad, admitted that she wrote the letter.—Mr. Baggally: You must not, you know.—The Mother: I am very sorry I sent him out with me, and one of the little ones so as to sell flowers and get some dresses for another one.—Mr. Baggally: It is only for the beggar, and it is not clear if it cannot be allowed. Whatever your difficulties and troubles it does not justify you doing this.—The Mother: I am so very sorry.—Mr. Baggally: Well, you must not do it again. Take him away.

GONE WITH THE CONJURER.

A respectably-dressed young man came before Mr. Lane, at North London, and said his wife had eloped with a companion, and had taken away a quantity of goods belonging to him (applicant).—Mr. Lane: Where are they now? The Applicant: At a small village about seven miles from Oxford.—The father of the applicant came forward and said he had been to the house, a public-house, and had seen the man and woman together, and the former said that the things he pointed out as belonging to his son should be sent back. This was on last Tuesday week, but the things had not been returned.—Mr. Lane (to applicant): Why did she leave you?—Applicant: She came into nearly £100 under her mother's will, and then, under pretence of going to visit my sick mother, got me out of the way, and removed the goods from our apartments.—Mr. Lane: You may take a summons against your wife for stealing.

SHOCKING CHARGE AGAINST A PARENT.

At West Ham, Albert Jacobs, 34, locksmith, was charged under the Criminal Law Amendment Act with an assault on Frieda Kops, 13, and Alice Kops, a German, was charged with procuring her daughter for the N.S.P.C.C.—The girl declared that her mother had been present on the occasion referred to, and alleged other shocking details of the same sense. Jacobs was living with the woman Kops. At Easter she ran away.—Remanded.

END OF A FLYING MACHINE.

John F. Bunting, 64, independent, at Sydney, N.S.W. The investor did not accompany the machine on its trial trip, and as no one volunteered, the machine was allowed to go alone. The following account of its performance has been sent over:—Rising and soaring, it slid along the tram for a distance of 100 ft. and then, instead of the rails, instead of lifting its wings and floating gracefully across the harbour, it bumped against the rocks and toppled over on to the beach, part of it becoming submerged by the waves. Some of the hot cinders from the furnace came in contact with the light metal frame which was composed of thin wire, and it burst into flames, and in a few moments a portion of the framework and the machinery were all that remained. The manager explained that the trial was a failure because there was not sufficient wind to fill the sails, and no one had been placed inside to sail it.

CASUALTIES IN A FOG.

A number of shipping casualties have resulted from the exceptionally dense fog which enveloped the English Channel from Saturday night till Monday morning. The German steamer, the Stadt Achern, bound for Liverpool with 100 crew, ran aground on the Goodwin Sands. In answer to her signals for assistance, two lifeboats went to her aid, and she was brought to safety. The steamer Prudentia, of Shields, arrived at Dover, having sustained damage to her steering gear, and was towed to the Harbour, having sustained damage to her stern by collision with the Mary Isobel, of Manchester, towed for Grimsby. The Isobel, of Driffield, was towed to Dover Harbour, having sustained damage to her stern by collision with the steamer Agnes, from Trinidad for London, went ashore to the east of St. Margaret's Bay, but got off. The steamer Seven Brothers, of Carnarvon, also went ashore under the South Foreland Lighthouses.

DULWICH MASKED BURGLAR.

At the Central Criminal Court, George Mordaunt, 29, clerk, pleaded guilty to a burglary in the dwelling of Alexander Gibbons and his wife, and putting the girl in bodily fear.—This was the case in which the prisoner, on Feb. 8, wearing a mask, forced his way into the prosecutor's house in Chancery-cause. He was armed with a pistol, knife, and pocket knife, and was in the act of robbing the house when he was discovered. The girl was not injured.

ARCHDEACON FARRAR HAS BEEN APPOINTED DEAN OF CANTERBURY.

Her Majesty's cruiser Ruby, Capt. John Ferris, saluted the flag of Vice-Admiral

SERVANTS SAD DEATH.

Amelia Halliday was aged 32 years. She was a domestic servant at Orchard Mount, Upper Richmond-road, Mortlake, where she had been employed for three and a half years. On the 20th inst., Mrs. Penny, the mistress of the house, was called by her housemaid to the coal-cellar, which was close to the back door. There she saw the servant lying among the coal. Directly she saw her master, Halliday said, "Oh, ma'am, I have deceived you." She was very pale and ill, and close by her was the body of an infant, which was partly buried under the coal dust. The poor woman was got upstairs to her bed-room, with assistance from the nurse. She was so exhausted, however, that she fell down at the foot of the bed and before the arrival of the doctor, who had been sent for meanwhile, she died.

At the inquest on Wednesday the doctor

stated that death in the case of the mother

was due to syncope, following hemorrhage.

LAST WEEK'S LAW AND POLICE.

Mansion House.

ALLBOLD BURGLARS IN THE CITY.—James Smith, 21, French polisher, Stainforth-road, Battersea; John Cashman, 23, scavenger, Red Lion-court, Commercial-street; John Wake-man, 16, and George Johnson, 16, Gun-street, Spitalfields, were severally charged with burglariously breaking and entering No. 82, Upper Thames-street, and with being in the unlawful possession of house-breaking implements.—Alf. Dibson, watchman at 82, Upper Thames-street, which premises form a depot of the City Commissioners of Sewers, said that at midnight on Friday he heard a peculiar noise and ran upstairs into a room, the window of which he found to be broken. The catch had been forced back. Inside the window, on the ledge, was a jemmy and several spots of blood. There was a large sum in gold and silver in the room, but the burglars had apparently been disturbed before they could open the cupboard where the cash, which was for wages, was kept. Cashman was in the service of the commissioners, and he ought to have been at work that night.—P.C. Sharpen said that he saw the prisoners loitering at the corner of Queen-street, and, having his suspicions aroused, he sent for a detective. He asked Smith what he was doing, and he replied that he had just left the office of the commissioners, in whose employ he was. The men were moving away, when the watchman ran out with a jemmy. Assistance was procured, and the prisoners were arrested. A box of silent matches was found on one of the men.—Smith, Wake-man, and Johnson pleaded guilty; Cashman denied the charge.—Committed for trial.

Westminster.

MAGISTRATE AND RELIEVING OFFICER.—Edward Bowland, of Crescent-street, Notting Hill, was charged with deserting his wife and leaving her chargeable to the guardians of Chelsea.—Mr. W. J. Hughes, relieving officer, deposed that the woman was admitted to the workhouse last September. A summons which was taken against the husband was soon after committed to the care of his whereabouts were unknown.—Mr. Sheil: How do you prove the desertion?—Witness: The fact that the summons could not be served shows that the man went away.—Mr. Sheil: I can't assume that; you must call some one from the place where the people lived, or give me some other legal proof of the offence you charge.—Witness: I can have the wife here.—Mr. Sheil: That won't do. She can't give evidence against her husband. Surely the Board of Guardians have a solicitor who would know what legal proof is required and get the evidence ready.—Witness: There is only the clerk.—Mr. Sheil: I am of course anxious to help the authorities in any way I can, but I can't send people to prison for three months with no evidence at all. It may have to go through good many phases—like the house that Jack built—but I presume the solicitor can be ultimately reached.—The relieving officer said he had no more evidence except that of arrest.—Sergt. Avery deposed that when apprehended the defendant said, "I am caught, and will go with you." Afterwards he said that he never ran away from his wife, and that she went into the infirmary on her own account because he was out of work.—Mr. Sheil, in remanding the accused, told the relieving officer that he must be prepared to show the conditions under which the woman was left.

Marlborough-street.

A MAN IN WOMAN'S CLOTHES.—Wilhelm Julius, 21, an Austrian, describing himself as a singer, and giving an address in Church-street, St. Anne's, which proved to be false, was charged with being an idle and disorderly person found in female attire.—Prisoner wore a smart black hat trimmed with black feathers and yellow flowers, a black skirt, and velvet cap. He also had on a perfect fitting wig of auburn hair done up at the back in a fashionable knot, and spoke in an eliminate voice in German.—Det. Grimdale said that he was in Waterloo-place, in company with Det.-sergt. Mullin, on Friday night, when he saw the prisoner accost four gentlemen. Suspecting that the person was a man he told him he should take him into custody. At the station he said to the police station, where he was to witness, "If you had let me go I would have given you £5," but made no reply to the charge. The prisoner in defence said that he was waiting for an omnibus to take him to Brixton, and might have spoken to gentlemen about the omnibus he should take. He now wrote down an address at Clapham to which he stated he was going.—Remanded.

Marylebone.

GONE WRONG SOMEHOW.—Charles Drake Brockman, residing at Queen's-road, Bayswater, was charged on remand with attempting to commit suicide.—According to the evidence of the accused's mother, he had suffered from spasmodic fits and mental depression, the result of monetary anxiety. Shortly after going up to bed a noise was heard from his room, and hurrying there the mother found her son lying full length upon the floor, bleeding from a wound in the throat, which had been inflicted by a razor, which was lying on the floor close by.—P.C. 310 F was informed of what had taken place, and he called in Dr. Murphy, who found the accused in an excited condition, suffering from a slight wound on the throat, which had evidently been done whilst under the influence of stimulants. He said the sooner his end came the better.—An officer of the Royal Marines now said the accused had been on board H.M.S. Pembroke at Chatham until the latter was sent to the Yarmouth Lunatic Asylum. The following January he was discharged from the asylum and handed over to the care of friends with sick leave to May 2. He was then to appear before the Naval Medical Board for the purpose of being examined with a view to his duty.—Mr. Hannay inquired whether there was any possibility of his being taken back to Chatham and received an answer in the negative. An uncle of the accused intimated that during the remand his nephew was under the care of Dr. Murphy, who would continue to look after him.—Discharged.

JEWEL ROBBERY AT KILBURN.—James Shutt, 22, described as a house porter, living at Orcus-street, Marylebone, was charged with being concerned with other men in perpetrating an extensive robbery at Kilburn Park-road, the shop of William John Mitchell, jeweller. Two men have already been convicted and sentenced to long terms of imprisonment for participating in the robbery.—The evidence was that on the night of the robbery the prisoner and the other two men were seen loitering for a considerable time in the vicinity of the prosecutor's shop. Waiting until the road was to all appearances clear, they made their way, observed by a man named Green, who resides in the same road, to Mitchell's shop. One of the men smothered the window with a sticky substance and then struck and broke it. That done another of the trio snatched up a quantity of jewellery and all made off. The prosecutor, hearing the smashing of the window, hurried into the street, where he arrived in time to see the men disappear round the corner. Examining the window he discovered that jewellery, including 24 diamond rings, three gold watches, &c., to the value of £100, had been stolen. From descriptions

given by the man Green, the two men now undergoing imprisonment were arrested, and the prisoner was taken into custody on Friday by P.C. Cull. When told the charge the prisoner said he knew nothing about the robbery. At the police-station he was plopped among other men and identified by Green.—Remanded.

West London.

A LURE IN PRISON.—William Allwright, 22, of Camis-rod, Fulham, was re-examined on charge of absconding with £21 13s. 1d. while in the service of Messrs. Stanfield and Co., of the Swan Brewery. The prisoner pleaded guilty.—Det. Fowler said the accused appeared to have spent the best part of his life in prison. He had suffered 12 months for stealing a horse at Heading. He then joined the Army, but was discharged from several regiments for misconduct. In May last he was released from Winchester Gaol after two years' imprisonment for an offence committed in India.—Six months.

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MURKIN WITH VIOLENCE.—Frank McAuliffe, 19, labourer, living in Mayrict-road, Battersea, was charged with being concerned with Frederick Hooper and his brother, William McAuliffe (now undergoing seven years and eighteen months' imprisonment respectively), in violently assaulting John Moore, a tobacconist, and robbing him of £4 10s.—The complainant said that on Oct. 14 last he was in the Mayrict public-house, Battersea, and was attacked by the prisoner and others, who hurriedly entered him from the house. The man who broke his leg got eight months.—Mr. Clever (severally): That is not a reason why the third man should not get 17. It is a serious matter, and please say what took place?—The Complainant: The prisoner struck me. I was knocked down and the money taken from my trousers pocket.—Mr. Cecil Lyster, house-surgeon of the Holingbroke Hospital, said the complainant was an inmate of that institution for six weeks, his injuries being severe. He had a bad fracture of the left leg, a severely bruised nose and mouth, and five contused wounds on the face and head. He must have been subjected to considerable violence, and had just recovered from his lameness.—Det.-sergt. Thorley, who arrested the prisoner, said he stated that directly the struggle took place he "sloped."—Committed for trial.

MURKIN OF A JUVENILE GANG.—Edward Freeman, 12, and Robert Dodd, 11, were charged with being concerned in stealing a parcel of newspapers and periodicals, the property of Mr. C. Mather, a newsagent, of Grosvenor-road, Shepherd's-bush.—A carman in the employ of Simpkin and Marshall, publishers in the Strand, left the parcel at the shop door in the usual way early on Friday morning, and it was afterwards missed.—Det.-sergt. Knott said that at midnight on Friday he found the prisoner concealed in a coal-cell of a house in Cathnor-road. They were in possession of the periodicals and wrapper. Dodd said he took the parcel and gave it to Freeman, who put it under his coat. The officer gave some particular concerning the boys, who had been reported missing from their homes. The prisoners, he said, belonged to a gang of young thieves. Both had been in custody and birched. They were in the habit of stealing milk from doors early in the morning, and he could prove several cases of felony against them.—Remanded to the workhouse.

North London.

THE LADY AND HER CAT.—A lady applied to Mr. Lane for advice as to how to proceed against a neighbour for detaining a cat. She said it was a very valuable Persian cat. It disappeared a few days ago, and, after careful watching, it had been seen by the applicant's husband at the house of a neighbour. When the cat was demanded the neighbour asked for 2s. 6d. for its keep and the trouble he had been put to.—Mr. Lane: The neighbour has no right to demand the half-crown, but it will cost 2s. for a summons.—The applicant left, saying she would consider which course to adopt.

Highbury.

UNROOFING A SUMMER HOUSE.—Charles Smith, 20, labourer, was charged with being concerned with Edward Cragg in stealing a quantity of zinc, the property of Mr. Letchbridge, architect, Archway-road, Highbury.—On the 6th inst. P.C. 512 Y met prisoner and Cragg in Southwood Lawn-road, Highbury, with the zinc in their possession. The prosecution, and said that the prisoners were known to Mr. Isaacson. On April 13 he was returning from the bank with £60 in gold in his pocket, and when in Tower-street, Westminster Bridge-road, he was set upon by four men. Pickett struck him first in the jaw, and Pearson then gave him a black eye. Prosecutor was knocked to the ground, and Pickett abstracted £4. 8d. from prosecutor's outside pocket. The bag containing the gold they did not find. Prosecutor took refuge in a butcher's shop, and the prisoners decamped. They were arrested later.—Previous convictions were proved of 16 months for felony against Pickett, and 18 months for robbery with violence against Pearson.—Committed for trial.

Clerkenwell.

THREAT TO SHOOT A WIFE.—Chas. F. Hake-man, 44, cabowner, was charged with threatening to shoot his wife, Caroline.—Prosecutrix stated that she had been separated from her husband for two years, and lived in Albion-road, Barnsbury. On Friday afternoon he came to the house, drew a revolver, and threatened to kill her. She ran into the street and escaped, and then went to the police station. She did not now wish to proceed with the charge.—Mr. Horace Smith declined to allow it to be withdrawn.—P.C. 57 Y said after prosecutrix had made her complaint at the station he went to 111, Liverpool-road, and arrested the prisoner. When searched at the station a revolver and 50 cartridges were found upon him, together with over £5 in cash, besides other articles, and a letter threatening to kill both himself and his wife.—In reply to the magistrate, prisoner now said he had no intention of killing his wife, but had bought the revolver in order to frighten her, because he wanted her to come back and live with him again.—Remanded.

HADN'T PAID HIS FARE.—Thomas Morris, fishmonger, Cheshunt, was charged with travelling from Hadley Wood to Finchley Park without having paid his fare, with intent to defraud the G.N.R. Co.—On the previous afternoon the prisoner was found by a ticket collector in a third-class carriage at Finchley Park Station without a ticket, and was charged. At the station 1s. was found upon him. The fare would have been 8d.—40s., or a month.

His Wife Locked Him Out.—Ethelred R. Freebody, Ambler-road, Finchley Park, was charged with being found on enclosed premises for the supposed purpose of committing a felony.—The previous night prisoner had been found on some premises in Camden-road, where building operations were in progress.—P.C. 239 Y said prisoner's wife—who had promised to attend, but was not present—gave him a very bad character. He had been away from her for 10 weeks, and she had intended to take out a warrant for his apprehension.—Prisoner now said that when he went home his wife locked him out, and having nowhere to sleep he went to lie down in a house where he saw some planks.—Remanded.

Worship-street.

FATHER AND SON.—Walter Tulk, 17, was charged under the following circumstances: The father a boot-laster, living at Bow, said that last November he entered into recognisances on behalf of the prisoner, who was then charged with stealing. On his promising to behave properly for the future the magistrate gave him a chance under the First Offenders Act, and the father became bail for 12 months. The prisoner, however, had again relapsed into bad habits. On Tuesday he entered the house whilst the family was absent and forced open the door of lodger's room, and, after taking some money, absconded. The lodger would not prosecute, but the father gave information to the police. On Friday the prisoner was arrested.—The prosecutor, feeling that he was not safe in being bail for his son any longer, surrendered him to be dealt with for

the felony he was charged with in November.—Remanded in custody.

Lambeth.

HUSBAND AND WIFE.—James Driscoll, 24, labourer, of Vauxhall Walk, was charged with assaulting his wife.—When the case was called on P.C. Ross stated that the prosecutor was outside the court, but refused to enter. He believed she was afraid of the prisoner's violence.—Mr. Hopkings directed that the woman should be brought in. Subsequently the prosecutor entered, but said that she did not wish to get her husband locked up. Upon being pressed by the clerk, she said the prisoner and herself were both drunk on Friday night. She struck him and he hit her back with his fist.—Insp. Dixon: This is a very different story to the one she told last night. She complained of having been kicked downstairs.—Mr. Hopkings asked whether the prisoner had been charged with assaulting his wife before?—Insp. Dixon: She has charged him five or six times, but has never appeared.—P.C. Ross said he was on duty in Vauxhall-walk, when his attention was drawn to the house in which the prisoner lived by screams of "Murder!" and "Police!" He entered the house and saw the prisoner, whom he knew as a very violent man, knocking his wife about. It required the united efforts of witness and two other constables to get him to the station.—Fined 40s., or one month.

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Twelve persons in London met their death last week from drowning.

The Thames flows at the rate of two miles an hour.

Lucifer matches were formerly retailed at four a penny.

The weight of the smallest known bird is 30 grains.

A horse of silk one mile long weighs but 12 grains.

The fruit of the nutmeg tree takes nine months to mature.

There are four sovereigns in circulation to one half-sovereign.

Electricity is used in lanting miles as a motive power in mines.

Safes rendered burglar proof by electricity is one of the latest suggestions.

One New England factory employs 13,000 women.

The little kingdom of Denmark has 490,000 women.

The United States has 30,554,370 female population.

Holland, though small in size, has 1,070,000 women, young and old.

Lime is sometimes added to snuff to increase its dryness and pungency.

The people who live the longest are those who sleep with their mouths shut.

Two apples, eaten uncooked at each meal, have been found to cure dyspepsia.

London was healthier last week than it has been since the autumn, the death-rate being only 18.

Chicago is to have a Greek cathedral fashioned after Moscow's Cathedral of St. Basil.

The first Bible in the Welsh language was published in 1588, the year of the defeat of the Spanish Armada.

A well-known authority declares that the once prevalent potato disease is now practically mastered.

Italian soldiers are given cigars every day, but have to pay for their underclothing, washing, and all toilet articles.

Serpents have their hearts situated in their heads; hence they are always very careful in protecting that region.

The timber supply of the United States is being exhausted at twice the rate of its recuperation from tree growth.

Count Mirafiori, son by a morganatic marriage of Victor Emmanuel, has had a severe fall from a horse at Turin. The accident damaged his spine.

A Bombay jeweller has constructed the smallest watch in the world. It is only about the size of a farthing, and has complete works and keeps exact time.

No less than 12 Tennessee men are at work on flying machines. One of them hopes to be able to give a trial trip at the Atlanta Exposition.

Cast-iron blocks are being tried in some of the most frequented streets of Paris, instead of the granite blocks usually placed alongside tramway rails.

On the Great St. Bernard the monks are building a new and larger hospice, as travel over the Aosta Martigay pass is increasing even in winter.

Chinese annals remote as 2000 B.C. speak of the cultivation of tea, and classify it almost as perfectly as is done to-day. Its virtues were discovered by accident.

We judge from the autograph of Queen Elizabeth that England's noble queen must have been an advocate of the vertical system of handwriting.

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During the Crimean War the hospital entries of the British contingent from wounded numbered 18,300; from disease, 144,400. Those of the French Army numbered 116,000 from the first and 320,000 from the second cause.

Among the Turks bath money forms an item in every marriage contract, the husband engaging to allow his wife a certain sum for bathing purposes. If it be withheld, she has only to go before the cadi and turn her slender upside down. If the complaint be not then redressed, it is ground for divorce.

There is almost a panic among the people of Cyprus. A mass meeting has been held at Larnaca to consider the present position of the island, and to petition the British Parliament to hand it over to Greece. Fears are entertained that a collision may occur between the Turks and the Greeks.

Mr. S. Taylor Whitehead, J.P., of Burton Closes, Bakewell, died suddenly at his London residence. He twice contested the borough of Oldham as a Conservative, and served as high sheriff for Derbyshire last year. He was a chairman of the district council, and also chairman of magistrates for the Bakewell Division.

The report of the representative body of the Church of Ireland for the year 1894 shows a decrease in the voluntary contributions, but an increase in the receipts from investments. The total assets of the Church amounted to £7,76,000, as against £7,714,000 at the close of 1893. The total of the voluntary contributions received since the disestablishment has been £4,500,000.

According to a report of the Kasan Consistorium, just issued at St. Petersburg, no fewer than 11,030 heathens, among whom were 5,600 women, last year relapsed from the orthodox faith into their original iconoclastic beliefs and practices. During the same period, and in the same government of Kasan, 12,188 Tartars, including 5,767 women, abandoned the State Church for Islam.

It is stated that the Pope has through the intermediary of Cardinal Vaughan, just intimated to the Organising Committee of the International Geographical Congress that is to be held in London in July and August of this year, that he will send some of the geographical treasures of the Borgian Museum at the Vatican to the exhibition that is being arranged in connection with the congress.

It is reported from Ottawa that a measure to be introduced in the Newfoundland Assembly for the settlement of the French shore question will give France exclusive jurisdiction over 30 miles of the coast for fishing purposes, in return for which France will amount all claim to the remaining 375 miles of coast over which she possesses fishing rights by treaty.

An outrage has been perpetrated at the house of a farmer named John Talty, residing at Dolough, in the parish of Kilmurry, where a gun was fired through the kitchen window by a party of moonlighters. Talty was on friendly terms with some companions of a man who took up an evicted farm in the immediate locality. No arrests have been made.

The presence in the sick-room of flowers with delicate fragrance is generally beneficial. Certain colours are said to act favourably upon the nervous system. Red blossoms are stimulating, while delicate blue flowers are soothng.

A considerable number of the bishops of the Church of England are over 70. The Bishop of London is 73, the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol 75, the Bishop of Hereford 77, the Bishop of Liverpool 78, and the Bishop of Chichester 92.

A piece of ordinary gingerbread makes a capital barometer. If the atmosphere is in that condition which threatens rain, the gingerbread becomes moist and pliant, while the aneroid of dry weather restores it to its normal condition.

Mr. Kaps, a well-known watchmaker of Chicago, is the owner of a clock the works of which are in the inside of an ordinary wine bottle and the dial is set obliquely on the top of the bottle. There is quite a mystery attached to this curiosity. Several years

ago it floated to the shore from Lake Michigan.

Fish, flies, and caterpillars may be frozen solid and still retain life.

Hume thought more of his "Essays" than he did of his "History of England."

No vendors of intoxicants will be allowed to follow the French troops in Madagascar.

The average depth of all oceans is supposed to be between 2,000 and 3,000 fathoms.

Lord Justice Bigby and Mr. J. Arch bear a wonderful resemblance to one another.

Mr. E. W. Briscoe has been appointed deputy governor of her Majesty's prison, Walton.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed six new barristers for the borough of Swansea. All of them are Radicals.

The theatres of London regularly employ 12,000 people.

Among recent arrivals at the London Zoo the most interesting are four great tortoises from the Galapagos.

"Carmen Sylvae" is just now in the throes of literary labours, being engaged on a prose work and also a volume of poems.

£500 is the little ground rent of the Duke of Argyle's place on Campden Hill, now to be disposed of.

Negotiations are in progress to begin the astronomical day, like the business day, at midnight instead of at noon.

It takes a "talented artist" it is averred, all his time to attend to the magnificent head of his possessed by Queen Natalie of Servia.

The Stevenson Letters are to be published early in the autumn. They were written by the novelist to his friend, Mr. S. Colvin.

Prince Albert of Prussia and Prince Alfred of Saxe-Coburg, with their suites, have been to see "Charlotte's Aunt."

The Greham Lectures on Rhetoric, by Mr. J. E. Nixon, have been unavoidably postponed till June 11, 12, 13, and 14.

The anniversary of Shakspere's birthday was duly celebrated at Stratford-on-Avon, and a performance was given at the Memorial Theatre at night.

During a service at Fort Worth, in Texas, by Mr. Moody, the well-known evangelist, the roof of the building collapsed. One person was fatally hurt and 45 injured.

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TURF, FIELD, AND RIVER.

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Another Epsom spring meeting has come and gone, and the ex-huberant Cornbury has won the Great Metropolitan Stakes. It was a distinctive feature connected with this horse's victory, as Harvey Correy, who is now a man of over 50 years of age, and who still sits at fit 7lb. It does not take one long to forget if one disappears from the scene of public life in which one has taken an active part, unless there were who were present. Epsom last Tuesday clinched the question: "Covey, Covey, Who is Covey?" Yet in the 'sixties' he was one of the most fashionable light-weights, and since then he has been several generations of jockeys' life is not so lengthy as a rule. In Coney Hill he and his fellow-light-weights contented with 70 points and indulge in other hunting and often had to look after the horses they had ridden when the time for evening stables came round. Still, when the time for evening stables arrived, he was not the man of two or three points he was in his prime. The League series of games is now complete, and Sunderland have attained the position of champions once more, a little more easily than was anticipated a few weeks ago; they have a lead of five points over Everton (67-62), while in North End come 53-52. Blackpool Rovers are fifth with 52. Sheffield United have scored the same number of points, but have not so good a goal average, and Notts Forest have seventh position with 51 points.

It was scarcely to be expected that the Old Carthusians could go on week after week playing second cup to the best, and nothing could be more surprising. They encumbered to London Caldonians in the final for the London Charity Cup on Tuesday by three goals to one.

H. Watkins seems to be a very unlucky runner. He comes along with his attention to path work he has very disappointed with the show made by last year's winner, Paddy. It is not every horse, who like Flasphene, can win this race two seasons in succession, and Paddy was simply dead at stones at the top of the hill. Lady Nottingham was the only horse to make a semblance of a fight with Cornbury. Like a man a horse before him, Cornbury has profited by his hurdlng experience, and comes back an improved animal on the flat. That Jevitt's horses are in form this year was proved by the victory of Iagoen in the Holmewood Plate, and of Fawk in the Gloucester Plate. The former, a gelding, fell on Wednesday last through somebody's error, describes Fawk as trained by owner. One always likes to see the colours of Mr. Douglas Baird in the van, and when Morny Cannon on Florist, in the Westminster Plate, won a pretty race from Brown on Albion, the people were pleased to witness the victory of the "old man and stiffy." Statistical, who was well backed for Shemey, Bethay, and others. In the Banstead Plate it was positively refreshing to see the Duke of Hamilton's familiar "French grey and cerise" running hand and carried to victory by Fawcett. The Duke of Kilkenny and Skiff, the last horse of the afternoon, however, proved up in the Prince of Wales's Stakes, which apparently enough failed to the prince himself by the aid of Floris II., a son of St. Simon and Perdita II., ridden by Jack Watts. Morny Cannon, on Wherwell, however, pressed him very close, and it was only by a narrow margin that the latter was declared the victor. Needless to say that people stopped to see the last act out, when the curtain fell on the triumph of the royal colour, a burst of truly British cheering rent the air. The Prince of Wales stayed to see his horse win, and at the finish gracefully complimented Watts, who rode him, and March, who sired him.

It was not altogether pleasant weather "over the down to free" on Wednesday, but still the Prince of Wales, Prince Christian, and the Duke of Cambridge were present, and the attendance was a very large one. Morny Cannon, who is a real champion, Remindier in the City and Suburban, and a gallant victory than was on that horse, who was my sole selection for that event. True it is that Calder, on Stowmarket, rode a grim, stern chase, but Remindier, in my opinion, won his race cleverly, while Irish Car turned out a better than the other positions of the beaten horses, with the exception of Son of a Gun, who finished fourth, and ran a very good horse under his heavy weight. None the wiser, although looking the handsome mare she always was, nevertheless a trifl off colour. Col. North's Clydesdale, not being on his owner's confidence, was a bit unconvincing, while Elie Tressel, who is still a little backward, will do better later on. Remindier, although he started at 2 to 1, was standing at 5 to 1 when I plumped for him right out last week. The success of Remindier was the triumph of class right through, and the poor master of Durban was very considerably all round a good field, obtained for as far as quantity is concerned in the other events of Wednesday, taking they did not arouse much interest. Taking them seriatim, a good favourite in Golden Slipper only just got home in the Copthorne Plate from Bach, Watts on Dancing Ladie, placed the second, and the third, the Woodmanstone Plate, afforded Sir John Thurbury some slight solace for the defeat of Paddy on the previous day. Half and Half accounted for the Kingwood Stakes; Radats carried off the Hyde Park Plate, which M. L. Lebady II. could not find a place, and Sally Brandy II. fairly speeded up the field in the Tattersall Plate. It cannot be said that the arrangements at Epsom this year were satisfactory. 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RACING.
SANDOWN PARK SECOND SPRING MEETING.

THE TRIAL PLATE.—Diss., Syrs. Sat 12b (1). 1. Remond, Syrs. 12b 6s (M. Watts); 2. Cameron, aged 2 to 1 agst Remond, and 10 to 1 agst Remond (offered). Betting: Even. Total, 100. The PRINCE OF WALES'S HANDICAP OF 500 sovereigns. Five furlongs.

Mr. C. J. Merry's Diplomat, 3 yrs, 1st (Grimshaw 1).

Mr. J. Duke's The Corsican, Syrs. Sat 11b (Grimshaw 2).

Mr. E. H. Combe's Thimble, Syrs. Sat 11b (Grimshaw 3).

Mr. E. H. Combe's Johnstone's Ardwell, Syrs. Sat 11b (Grimshaw 4).

Mr. F. Johnstone's Royal Corrie, Syrs. Sat 11b (Grimshaw 5).

Mr. J. Miller's Millennium, Sat 11b (Grimshaw 6).

Capt. Macmillan's Bullseye, Sat 11b (Grimshaw 7).

Baron de Rosenthal's Borealis, Sat 11b (Grimshaw 8).

Mr. G. Brown's Albion's Galloping Star, Sat 11b (Grimshaw 9).

Prince Soltykoff's Dross, Sat 11b (Grimshaw 10).

Mr. T. Cannon's Melancholia, Sat 11b (Grimshaw 11).

Col. James Lloyd's Anagnathina, Sat 11b (Grimshaw 12).

Lord Zetland's Nighstan, Sat 11b (Grimshaw 13).

J. Watt's Betting: 5 to 2 agst Remond, 1 to 1 each agst Remond and Cameron, 1 to 1 each agst Remond and Dremond (offered). Won by a length: three lengths separated second and third.

Pedro was fourth, and Annaghmartin last.

THE SANDOWN PARK TWO-YEAR-OLD STAKES. Mr. J. A. Miller's Old Gold, 2 yrs, 1st (Grimshaw 1).

Sir J. Blandell Maple's Dame Quickly, Sat 11b (Grimshaw 2).

J. Watt's Betting: 11 to 8 to Dame Quickly, 9 to 8 agst Remond, and 8 to 1 agst Dame Quickly.

A MATCH.—Bolt, Syrs. Sat 11b (Grimshaw 3).

The JUVENILE SELLING PLATE.—Fool's Delight, Sat 11b (Allcock 1).

Goldie, Syrs. Sat 11b (Allcock 2).

Daily Bread, Sat 11b (Allcock 3).

Better, Syrs. Sat 11b (Allcock 4).

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